



**Title: WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND  
PROPERTY & LIABILITY CLAIMS SETTLEMENT**

**Number: LCC-72**

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**I. OBJECTIVE**

To outline the process of settling workers' compensation and property & liability claims.

**II. DEFINITIONS AND REFERENCES**

Chapter 768.28, Florida Statutes, Waiver of sovereign immunity in tort actions; recovery limits; limitation on attorney fees; statute of limitations; exclusions; indemnification; risk management programs.

**III. DIRECTIVES**

The authority granted by this section shall be applicable only to claims arising out of the risks covered by the Workers' Compensation, and Property & Liability programs.

After a claim has been received, the Office of Employee Services and Quality Improvement (Employee Services) will investigate and recommend to the Workers' Compensation and Property & Liability Claims Committee or the Board of County Commissioners when a claim is ready for settlement.

The membership of the Workers' Compensation and Property & Liability Claims Committee is comprised of the County Attorney or designee and three representatives from Employee Services.

- A. **Claims \$25,000 or Less** - The Workers' Compensation and Property & Liability Claims Committee upon deeming it to be in the best interest of the program to settle a workers' compensation, property or liability claim shall have the authority to do so for claims with a value not more than \$25,000. The Workers' Compensation and Property & Liability Claims Committee shall accept or give all proper releases on behalf of the County.
- B. **Claims Greater Than \$25,000** – The Claims Committee will approve claims greater than \$25,000 prior to presenting them to the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners upon deeming it to be in the best interest of the

program to settle a workers' compensation, property or liability claim shall have the authority to do so for claims with a value greater than \$25,000. The Board of County Commissioners shall accept or give all proper releases on behalf of the County.

The County Manager shall establish procedures to implement this policy.

**IV. RESERVATION OF AUTHORITY**

The authority to issue or revise this Policy is reserved to the Lake County Board of County Commissioners.



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Welton G. Cadwell

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners  
Lake County